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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re:    *Notice of Ex Parte Presentation, PS Docket No. 12-94***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 16, 2012, Kevin Krufky, Vice President, Public Affairs, Americas Region and the undersigned, of Alcatel-Lucent, met with Jennifer Manner, Gene Fullano, Bob Pavlak and, by phone, Erika Olsen of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau.

In the meeting, the representatives for Alcatel-Lucent asserted that the Commission continues to have authority to permit the current waiver recipients to deploy public safety broadband networks (PSBNs), as well as to permit additional jurisdictions to commence early PSBN deployment, and urged the Commission to work with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the to-be-formed First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) to facilitate the transition of these early deployments into the nationwide PSBN. The Commission has ample authority to place appropriate conditions on all early deployments to ensure interoperability and integration into the forthcoming nationwide PSBN.

Alcatel-Lucent described the public interest benefits of authorizing early deployment of the PSBN to expedite provision of critical communications capabilities to first-responders. Early deployment has the benefit of providing practical knowledge to inform the forthcoming build out of the nationwide PSBN, which can best be achieved through real-world experience. Furthermore, these deployments will leverage infrastructure and funding that could ease the burden on the scarce federal funds allocated to the forthcoming nationwide network.

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Please contact the undersigned with any questions in connection with this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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